



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

June 17, 2025

6:00 PM

Board Room • 119 W 8th Ave, Petal MS

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT

Mayor Tony Ducker
Alderman Drew Brickson
Alderman Craig Bullock
Alderman Mike Lott
Alderman Blake Nobles
Alderman Gerald Steele
Alderwoman Kim Stringer

ABSENT

Alderman Craig Strickland

Invocation was offered by Blake Nobles

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT AGENDA

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes - June 3, 2025 Public Hearing
- Minutes - June 3, 2025 Regular Meeting
- Resignation of Zadrenod Rhodes in the Fire Dept eff. 6/11/2025
- Privilege License Report for May 2025
- Retirement of Robert Proctor, Sr. (Red) in the Civic Center eff. June 24, 2025
- Proof of Publication
 - Public Notice - 266 Cross Creek Dr
- Resignation of Michael Reed in the Judicial Dept effective 6/30/2025 (Mayor)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jodie Brickson - Petal Arts Council events.

Kammie Carpenter - Chamber events

Eunice Boone - 53 Trailwood Circle, Board approved a hardship agreement for a flat payment of \$100.00 monthly. Balance at time of hardship is \$1949.40.

Motion made by Alderman Brickson, Seconded by Alderwoman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

PROCLAMATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

Request to accept Proclamation declaring July 1, 2025 as a Day of Prayer in the City of Petal. (Mayor)

Exhibit "A"

Proclamation

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

BIDS — QUOTES

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

Request to accept the proposal from Collins & Null for right of way acquisition work on S George St Bridge Project. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to issue RFP for Engineering Services for Implementation of MDEQ WPCRLF project(s). (City Clerk)

Exhibit "B"

RFP

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderman Lott.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to pay Estimate #2 in the amount of \$39,492.01 to R & J Construction for Old Richton Rd Widening per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to pay Estimate #8 in the amount of \$40,943.64 to Walters Construction Co., Inc. for 2024 Paving per Shows, Dearman & Waits recommendation. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Nobles, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to accept proposal from Pittman Howdeshell, PLLC for legal services regarding South George Street Bridge replacement. (City Clerk)

Exhibit "C"

Proposal

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to refund the following Cash Bonds (Court Clerk)

L Taylor - \$1369.25

R Solis-Garcia - \$98.75

Motion made by Alderman Bullock, Seconded by Alderwoman Stringer.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to accept the plans and specifications for Chappell Hill Rd Paving and authorize advertisement for bids. (City Clerk)

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to approve Movies in the Park for Sept. 27, 2025 and Oct. 25, 2025. (R Martin)

Ron would like to see us do 4 more movies in the next fiscal year.

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

SEMINARS & TRAVEL

Request for the following to attend Fire Officer 1 training at the State Fire Academy on Aug. 18-21, 2025. Cost: \$310.00 each

Lance Spiers

Dylan Anglin

Hunter McPhail

Cody Barber

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for the following to attend Rope Rescue Tech at the State Fire Academy on Aug. 18-21, 2025. Cost: \$310.00 each

Lee Gilliland

Bartley Faulkner

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for the following to attend Instructor 1041-1 online class in August 2025. Total cost: \$175.00 (Chief Sims)

Casey Burge

Bobby Sheffield

Jordan Marshall

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request for the following to attend Instructor I training at the State Fire Academy on Aug. 25-28, 2025. Cost: \$310.00 each (Chief Sims)

Amanda Richardson

Joel Smith

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

ORDERS & ORDINANCES

Request to adopt order promoting Dalton Keen to 3rd Class Patrol at a rate of \$17.91 per hour effective June 25, 2025. (Chief Hiatt)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Promote Dalton Keen in the Police Dept

It is hereby ordered that Dalton Keen be
Promoted to 3rd Class Patrol at a rate of
\$17.91 per hour effective June 25, 2025

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2025

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order hiring Harris Tapp as part time officer/chaplain in the Police Dept at a rate of \$14.00 per hour effective June 25, 2025. (Chief Hiatt)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a part-time officer in the Police Dept

It is hereby ordered that Harris Tapp be
Promoted to part time officer/chaplain at a
rate of \$14.00 per hour effective June 25, 2025

So ordered this the 20th day of June 2025

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Steele.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order promoting the following to 2nd Class Firefighter at a rate of \$12.68 per hour effective June 25, 2025. (Chief Sims)

ORDER

WHEREAS, THE Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Petal, Mississippi do hereby deem it necessary to promote certain employees in the Fire Department.

IT IS HEREBY ordered that the following are promoted effective June 25, 2025

Elijah Smith – 2nd Class Firefighter @ \$12.68 per hour (\$37,000.00)
Aiden Townsend – 2nd Class Firefighter @ \$12.68 per hour (\$37,000.00)
Bobby Oxner – 2nd Class Firefighter @ \$12.68 per hour (\$37,000.00)

So ordered this the 17th day of June 2025

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Bullock.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

Request to adopt order hiring Nathan Hathorn in the Fire Dept as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$12.0027 per hour effective 6/18/2025. (Chief Sims)

Order

Whereas the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Of the City of Petal deem it necessary to
Hire a full time firefighter

It is hereby ordered that Nathan Hathorn be
Hired as a Recruit Firefighter at a rate of \$12.0027
Per hour effective June 18, 2025

So ordered this the 17th day of June 2025

Motion made by Alderman Lott, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer

MAYOR'S REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE, COMMISSION AND BOARD MATTERS

LEGAL

ADJOURN

Motion made by Alderman Steele, Seconded by Alderman Nobles.

Voting Yea: Alderman Brickson, Alderman Bullock, Alderman Lott, Alderman Nobles, Alderman Steele, Alderwoman Stringer



Miss Martin, City Clerk

Mayor Tony Ducker



Proclamation

On the first working day of this administration,
I was joined by several Aldermen, local pastors, and
some city

employees to pray for God's blessings on our city.

As we set forth on a new term, we again ask that
God's providential hand be on our city.

That God would grant us wisdom and we would
make

decisions in keeping with our oath.

Furthermore, on many occasions I have been
encouraged when residents have told me they
are praying for our city. It is acknowledged and
appreciated.

So, in keeping with this, I am declaring July 1, 2025

As a day of prayer in the City of Petal.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Petal, Mississippi, requests proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide engineering services for work related to the implementation of MDEQ WPCRLF project(s). You are invited to submit a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the City of Petal; Attn: City Clerk; 119 W. 8th Avenue; Petal, MS 39465 or by hand-delivery to the City Clerk's Office at 119 W. 8th Avenue, Petal, MS 39465, no later than 5:00 P.M., on Wednesday, August 6, 2025.

The Engineer will be responsible for performing all engineering services through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local law, regulations and policies. The scope of work includes but is not limited to the following: 1) prepare a facility plan for proposed WPCRLF loan applications, 2) prepare plans and specifications, 3) distribute bid documents, 4) assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabulation, 5) assist in the execution of construction contracts, 6) hold pre-construction conference, and 7) perform construction engineering and inspection including periodic reports to the City and approve all payment requests.

The City of Petal is an Equal Opportunity Employer. The City encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit proposals. Additionally, Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010), requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that opportunities for job training, employment, and other economic opportunities be given to low and moderate income residents of the project area. Section 3 also requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that contracts for work in connection with the project be awarded to Section 3 eligible business concerns.

All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope and marked with the following language: "**Proposal for MDEQ WPCRLF Engineering Services.**" Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points), Experience (40 points), and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated properly, the following must be addressed in detail:

Qualifications - List of qualifications of persons to be assigned to project, **Experience** - Information regarding the firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, **Capacity for Performance** - Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services.

The City will designate a selection committee to evaluate each proposal. The selection committee may hold proposals for a period of up to thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing and investigating the proposals' content. The City reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

The City will award a contract with the qualified firm or individual whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points and determined to be the most advantageous to the City, price and other factors considered. The contract will follow MDEQ WPCRLF program guidelines. The City has the authority to terminate the selection at any time.

*(Please publish in the **LEGAL** section of the newspaper on – **July 16, 2025 & July 23, 2025.**)*

CITY OF PETAL
PITTMAN HOWDESHELL, PLLC
EXHIBIT "C"

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VIA EMAIL ONLY reaton@tef-law.com

Rocky Eaton, Esq.
City of Petal, Mississippi

RE: Project Number: 12428
Project Name: South George Street Bridge Replacement

Dear Mr. Eaton:

Please consider this correspondence as our proposal to perform legal services regarding the above-referenced project. It is my understanding that the project involves approximately four (4) parcels. We will perform thirty-two (32) year title investigations for each parcel, draft title opinions and conveyance instruments for execution by the landowners at the rate of \$800.00 per parcel, plus incidental expenses such as copying costs, postage and similar items. If needed, we will also perform title updates, and draft updated documents at the rate of \$250.00 per parcel.

Further, we will schedule and complete closings on various parcels as needed, draft revised conveyance instruments, and draft any other others necessary to complete the closings at a rate of \$300.00 per parcel. With reference to any other legal work required in dealing with clearing title, determination of heirs, court proceedings of any kind, including eminent domain proceedings, these matters will be the subject of a separate agreement.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these services for the City of Petal. If this agreement is acceptable, please advise.

Respectfully,

PITTMAN HOWDESHELL, PLLC



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